

City of Milpitas
Unapproved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
May 16, 2005

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Telecommunications Commission Chair Albert Alcorn called the meeting to order.

Members Present Albert Alcorn, N. Gupta,
G. Ali-Santosa, P. Peterson, W. Lam, I. Munir, V.Mathur

I.S. Staff: B. Marion, E. Pasion

Members Absent: A. Ettinger, D. Gupta

City Council: A. Gomez

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members of the Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

No announcements were made for the record.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda.

M/S V. Mathur / G. Ali-Santosa Ayes: 7

**V. Approval of the Minutes
February 28 and March 21, 2005**

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted for February 28.

M/S N. Gupta / P. Peterson Ayes: 7

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted for March 21.

M/S N. Gupta / G. Ali-Santosa Ayes: 7

VI. Citizen's Forum

No comments made for the record.

VII. Continued-New Business:

1. Public Access Studio Discussion

Staff reported on the future planning and discussion of the educational public access studio is very much in the planning stage. Discussion and planning will begin as part of the Commission's monthly agenda.

Information Services staff is planning to have a vendor provide first-hand experience on integration of several public access and educational access studios in operation around the bay area.

The commissioners asked of the status of moving forward with securing funds to start with the construction end of the television studio. Staff noted that it would notify Comcast to start the 60-day process to activate the second cable channel. Staff has scheduled to meet with Comcast on June 21 to review the final documents.

The commissioners also asked how would the television studio be operated and what body would be governing the overall policy and decision making. Staff reported that there are several ways a cable studio could be operated. Nonprofit organization such Mt. View community access, city managed facility is another consideration, local school district would be another way of managing the operation, community college districts are also involved in the process as well. The consideration are numerous and will require detailed planning.

Motion to note receipt and file

M/S N. Gupta / V. Mathur Ayes: 7

2. Status Report of Comcast Cable Franchise

Bill Marion, Director of Information Services, reported that the City and Comcast will be meeting on June 21, 2005, review and finalize the cable television franchise. Several matters involvement the operation of a local cable office is still outstanding but will be soon resolved. Discussion is also continuing on the issue of liquidated damages with improved language in the cable franchise.

Staff is hopeful that Comcast will continue to operate a walk-in store for local cable customers to conduct their business with the cable company. Currently, Comcast operates a cable store in the Milpitas Town Center shopping center.

Staff is planning to go before the City Council in July for final review and acceptance.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / V. Mathur Ayes: 7

3. April '05 I.S. Month Report.

Bill Marion, Director of Information Services, reported on the highlights of the Information Services Department. Highlights included the extensive training for dispatch, police and fire personnel on the recently upgraded computer mobile dispatch system. The training covered detailed operational review of the software interface and as well as involved hands-on training.

Geographical information systems staff has updated the city's digital map database by adding the newly opened 237-880 flyover interchange on and off ramps.

Information Services staff successfully upgraded all the police department vehicle computers with faster 1.6 gigahertz on board computers. Information Services staff have also converted existing laptops for police mobile computing with new and improved touch screen technology and wireless capabilities at a significant savings to the City.

Information Services staff has also upgraded several servers in the information services data center.

Chair Alcorn suggested that a future meeting be held at the Information Services department for another tour of the data center operation.

Motion to note receipt and file the April report.

M/S N. Gupta / G. AliSantosa Ayes: 7

4. Round Table Discussion

Chair Alcorn mentioned about the current availability large capacity storage cards for digital cameras specifically 1gigabyte. On another matter, he mentioned that his laptop was infected with spy ware and it took all weekend to remove from his PC. This was all due to a family member visiting a website that attached spy ware software without them noticing.

Chair Alcorn mentioned that he will start researching information and technology involving the high definition technology and invites the Commission to share information as it becomes available. Commissioner Munir concurred and looks forward to the future discussion on HDTV.

Mayor Jose Esteves wanted to thank the members for their continued involvement and participation as members of the Telecommunications Commission. He added that at the May 17th City Council meeting there will be new appointments and reappointments made to the Commission. He expressed his gratitude for the Commission's continued involvement.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting

The Commission adjourned to its next meeting of June 20, 2005.

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